Osama…

The Fighter Against Invaders

And The Inciter of Rebellion Against Tyrants

Hamza bin Laden

(may Allah preserve him)



In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

All praise belongs to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds.

I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allah, the Ally of the righteous.

And I bear witness that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger, may peace be upon him, his family and companions.

To my Muslim brothers the world over,

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu

This talk of mine is filled with mention of glory and dignity, of freedom and prosperity; compassionate words from someone who wants his Ummah to break the chains of humiliation and lowliness, and live with dignity and respect, in accordance with the pleasure of our Lord. After this Ummah passed through decades of weakness in the previous century, during which it lost track of the way to glory, and was caught in the fire of the burning calls of *Jahiliyah* (pre-Islamic ignorance)… and after an arduous journey across its illustrious history…covering vast distances, between the highs and lows of barren mountains, setting its eyes on two things in the horizon: its destination, and a bright torch illuminating its destination and shedding light on the path leading to its destined goal… The goal is the general political objective of the Ummah- the underlying purpose of all its efforts, on which the eyes have set aim and for which the hearts long, and on the basis of which organizations and groups coalesce…

After these difficult stages, and after the absence of the Islamic Caliphate, the path of the Ummah deviated from the lofty peaks of mountains to the low depths of valleys and blind alleys. It lost sight of its true goal, the guiding light disappeared from view, differences became manifold, and a large portion of the Ummah succumbed to foreign occupation, to be governed by man-made laws. The Ummah passed through an extremely difficult stage, a tyrannical era, until the best of its sons rose up in rebellion against the status quo, exhausted their lives for the sake of the Ummah, renounced their personal stakes, and expended all their energies to make their Ummah rise to a sufficiently decent level and recognize its general political objective, to follow the light of its illuminating torch and continue its journey in the correct direction.

The general political objective of this Ummah is liberating the Muslim lands, freedom from Crusader hegemony, establishing the Islamic Shariah, living freely under its merciful shade, and inviting people to it. Among the eminent personalities who possessed exceptional vision and foresight, and who were able to hold the hand of their Ummah and lift it from the base of the mountain to a high ground and yet still to higher hills, so that it might once again see the light of its illuminating torch on the horizon and set its eyes on its clear goal, was Shaykh Osama bin Laden (may Allah have mercy on him).

He lived in an age in which the major powers held sway and did as they pleased; an age in which states, let alone individuals, could not dare oppose these powers. The world lived in extreme fear and awe of them, afraid to confront their oppression, aggression and despotic hegemony. And so falsehood ran rampant, crossed all limits in its arrogance and declared, ‘Is there anyone more powerful than us?’ The hypocrites and those deficient in faith developed misgivings about Allah, and the condition of Muslims became similar to a herd of sheep caught in a rainstorm at night, knowingly or unknowingly being driven by the wolves to their death.

At this stage he (may Allah have mercy on him) appeared on the scene with a select few men among the believers. With very limited resources, light weapons, but great faith and immense trust in Allah and the steadfastness shown by him, his brothers and the resolute Afghan nation, the Soviet Union was defeated, reduced to a mere shadow of its former self, by the grace of Allah.

After the fall of the Soviet Union, it was America's turn to cross the limits in its arrogance. It was deceived by its power, the masses spellbound by its apparent prowess. Yet America was oblivious to the fact that Allah had made it succeed Russia (a fallen superpower).

The Imam, Shaykh Osama (may Allah have mercy on him) returned to the fortress of Islam, Afghanistan, for the second time with just six of the best of his brothers. But they possessed tremendous faith in Allah, and above all trust in Him. Allah guided the loyal Ameer, the Ameer of the Believers, Mullah Muhammad Umar Mujahid (may Allah have mercy on him) to safeguard and help this young fledgling call. He set an example of generosity and loyalty which cannot be penned in words. And thus the numbers started to increase gradually, and preparations began to confront the second Pharaoh. Once again, with limited means- this time civilian aircrafts- the Imam, Osama, was able to rub America's nose in dust and strike at its very heart, dragging it into a confrontation with the Ummah instead of a confrontation with just a few individuals.

And so America's armies were forcefully dragged into the swamps of Iraq and Afghanistan. America was forced to flee Iraq defeated and humiliated, while it is still stuck in the quagmire that is Afghanistan, in spite of the admission of its former President, Obama, of the defeat of his country at the hands of the forces of the Islamic Emirate.

He was able to revive the spirit of Jihad in the way of Allah, which had been confined to a select few for decades. Thus he was able to bring about the shift from the Jihad of the elite to the Jihad of the Ummah. He made the sweet springs of Jihad gush forth from beneath the surface, one after another, in different parts of the Islamic World, and the good work continues, with the permission of Allah.

He, may Allah have mercy on him, was able to revive the spirit of honor, freedom, and glory in the individual Muslim. He taught humanity a lesson in rebellion against tyrants in an age in which there was no dearth of those willing to kneel down to and prostrate before the White House. His condition spoke for itself:

We set out crossing the path and ascending

Like falcons, rising beyond and taking risks

The thorns in our way make our footsteps drenched in blood

And with it our hearts and souls bleed

Our Religion leads us to the path of Truth

Enlightening our hearts and vision

A promise with the Gracious One, its light shining bright

Emanating radiantly to sweep aside the darkness

With such immense efforts, he was able to hold on to the hand of his Ummah and take it to new heights so that it could see its objectives in the horizon. He illuminated the way for his Ummah with the light of the shining torch and protected its dangerous path with Jihad in the Way of Allah. His life story undoubtedly deserves to live on as an eternal memory, and the lessons of his life taught to the coming generations.

It is most appropriate for Muslims to present him in the true light, as an exemplary and symbolic leader, and a legend among their contemporary legends; not because he is the father of this humble servant- for this makes his right on me even greater- but because when the Ummah gives its leadership its due, knows their rights, and revives their memories, it rises high, progresses, leads and emerges victorious.

May Allah have mercy on him, he was:

An Imam in declaring the truth…

A symbol of rebellion against tyrants…

An illustrious example of resisting occupation…

A milestone in spending one's life for uplifting the Ummah… like a candle which exhausts itself so that its surroundings may be illuminated…

A model worthy of emulation in helping the oppressed, specially the people of Palestine…

An inspirational role model for the cause he espoused…

A shining example of kindness towards the Islamic Ummah…

A converging point for uniting the opinion of the Ummah against an enemy whose enmity was understood by all…

Exceptional in his high resolve and firm determination…

Steadfast in patience and exhorting others to patience…

Farsighted in wars…

Imposing and sober in his asceticism…

I remember seeing him at times with his lunch or dinner being mere oil, salt, and a piece of bread.

My Muslim brothers, Shaykh Osama (may Allah have mercy on him) sacrificed his soul, after spending his life and his wealth for helping the Muslim Ummah, liberating it and sparking a revival in its ranks. He affirmed the veracity of his words with his blood. The Muslim nations with its masses and men is surely capable of defeating and overthrowing the tyrants imposed on them, with the permission of Allah. Those who have the capacity for this undertaking may utilize the Shaykh's example as an inspiration for rising up against tyrants, changing the corrupt order, repelling the occupation, and returning to their Islamic roots.

O' Muslims, Remember the saying of Allah, "They said, 'We have no power this day against Goliath and his hosts. But those who knew with certainty that they were to meet their Lord said, 'How oft, by Allah's will, has a small force vanquished a big one? Allah is with those who steadfastly persevere'." [Al Baqarah: 249]. Bear in mind His saying, 'And we wished to be Gracious to those who were being oppressed in the land, to make them the Imams and to make them the inheritors.' [Al Qasas:5] 'Then fight (O Muhammad pbuh) in the cause of Allah, you are not tasked (held responsible) except for yourself, and incite the believers (to fight along with you), it may be that Allah will restrain the evil might of the disbelievers. And Allah is Stronger in Might and Stronger in punishing.' [An Nisa: 84]

Remember the saying of the Messenger (peace be upon him), 'Know that if the entire mankind were to unite to benefit you, they would not benefit you with anything except what Allah had already decreed for you; and if they were to unite to harm you, they would not harm you with anything except what Allah had already decreed for you. The pens have been lifted and the pages have dried.' [Sunnan al Tirmidhi]

So hold firm to the Book of your Lord and the Sunnah of your Messenger (may peace be upon him). Rise in rebellion against the arrogant tyrants and return to Jihad in the Way of Allah. The Imam, Osama (may Allah have mercy on him) departed this world encouraging and inciting you to continue the journey of the revolutions, warning you against pre-mature termination or diversion of these revolutions; and that no matter how logically convincing and eloquently presented a call may be, it shall never attain complete success unless it has a force to protect it, and the force that can protect the journey of our Ummah towards its destined lofty goal is none other than Jihad in the Way of Allah.

Without Jihad, the enemies will only repeat their attacks against the Ummah to set it back every time it overcomes a barrier or traverses a wilderness. Jihad in the Way of Allah is a divine decree ordained in our Religion till the Last Hour; it implies honor and freedom for those who adopt its path, and humiliation and dishonor for those who abandon it.

The Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, said: 'When you engage in usurious transactions, hold on to the tails of cows (busy yourself with worldly pursuits like rearing animals), be content with agriculture, and leave Jihad, Allah will impose on you humiliation which He will not alleviate until you return to your Deen (Religion).'

The Arab Spring revolutions bore the message of freedom and honor, but they did not possess a protective force or a sharp sword for their defense, and thus the enemies assailed it and derailed it from its path.

O' oppressed Muslim masses: Rise in rebellion against oppression and tyranny, revolt against the agents of the Americans, initiate armed uprisings to overthrow them and establish the Shariah of the Beneficent, for they do not understand the language of peace, nor is it of any avail against them. Nothing is useful against them like weapons, and nothing instills terror in their hearts like Jihad in the Way of Allah, for an iron is only blunted by an iron.

This uprising to which we invite the Ummah must possess the essential elements of success. There must first occur a revolution at the plane of thought and awareness so that the masses are prepared for the next stage, so that they know why they must revolt, and when revolt they do, they must know their ultimate destination.

As for the answer to the first question: The Muslim masses revolt to affirm their belief in the Oneness of Allah, and return complete sovereignty to the Islamic Shariah and make it the ruling authority and a point of reference for every system and constitution. The Muslim masses revolt to crush polytheism, to remove the polytheism of ruling by arbitrary man-made laws, and remove these laws with the justness of *Tauheed* (belief in the Oneness of Allah) and establishing the complete authority of the Islamic Shariah.

The oppressed Muslim masses revolt when they realize the reality of the struggle between the followers of Islam and the followers of the Cross- the Invaders and their fifth-columnist proxies; and that the destined victory is only achieved by eliminating the internal enemy and defeating his Crusader overlord.

The Muslim masses revolt because they reject the current corrupt order, from its deviation from our noble and magnanimous Shariah to subjugation to Western Crusader hegemony, widespread political and financial corruption, social injustice and moral decay.

The Muslim masses revolt to live a decent respectable life of freedom and honor, to seek shelter in the merciful shade of Laws based on Divine Justice, in which there is no discrimination in favor of the white against the black, the Arab against the non-Arab, except on the basis of piety; in which the weak and oppressed is powerful and honorable till his right is restored, and the powerful oppressor is weak and humiliated until he returns the right which he unjustly usurped; the Law of Divine Justice which makes consultation a norm, gives the Ummah the opportunity to hold its rulers to account, spreads welfare and blessings, and ordains purity, rectitude and strengthening of communal ties.

The Muslim masses revolt when they realize that sincerity, virtuous intentions, and noble goals elevate its rebellion to the status of Jihad in the Way of Allah, the way to honor in this world and success in the Hereafter for the masses.

And as for the answer to the second question is concerned, the destination of the participants in this revolt is one of the two virtues, as has been informed by the Glorious Lord: victory which lets them enjoy the fruits of reaching their destination and materializing their aspirations or martyrdom in the Way of Allah- a bridge for the Ummah to cross over to its destined victory, while its heroes transcend this passing abode to depart

for the Best Companion (Allah), where lies waiting for them that which no eye has ever seen, no ear has ever heard, nor has crossed the heart of any human.

This revolution necessitates preparation for Jihad in the Way of Allah. Allah says, ‘And prepare against them what force you can’ [Al Anfal:60] And He says, ‘And if they had intended to go forth, they would certainly have provided equipment for it’ [Al-Tauba: 46]

The sincere people of authority and understanding among the Muslim masses must work to incite the masses and prepare them for an uprising. They must spread awareness among them regarding the means for a successful uprising, its purpose and goals, which must from the very beginning be in conformity with the Shariah of the Wise One.

They must accordingly work to prepare the youth physically in the arts of military training and fighting. This may be done by sending them in groups or individually to the theatres of Jihad- the crucibles for the formation of men, the life springs of honor- so that they may engage in the necessary preparations and acquire sufficient experience before returning to the society.

And this must continue until the preparations are complete and the masses are ready for an uprising, so that the spark of an uprising may finally be lit, for its volcanic eruption to sweep aside the tyrant, liberate the masses from oppression, injustice and humiliation, and establish the Shariah of Allah.

The price of freedom is expensive, its bill exorbitant. Freedom cannot be earned with worthless pieces of paper cast inside a ballot box, nor by participation in polytheistic parliaments which legislate by man-made laws; it’s earned with the ultimate generosity, selfless sacrifice… Jihad and martyrdom.

A group sacrifices…and the Ummah is liberated…

You’re standing between life and death

If you aspire bliss in life work untiringly

Who will drink and make others drink from the cup of death

If the free ones fail to do so

Empires are not built like victims

And rights are not doled out, nor is it befitting

For in the dead is life for generations

And in prisoners ransom and freedom from grief

And for the blood-soaked freedom is a door

Battered with every fist drenched in blood

Esteemed truthful scholars! Follow the example of Shaykh Osama (may Allah have mercy on him) in fearlessly declaring the truth. Generous traders and merchants! Emulate him by spending in the way of Allah. Honorable youth! The Shaykh exhausted his youth in Jihad in the Way of Allah, so dedicate your youth to Jihad.

Noble Mujahideen! The Jihad of the Shaykh and his clear and pure message found acceptance in the Ummah, so follow his path. Safeguard his message from deviation and diversion, from extremism and laxity, and be the best of his successors. To those the world over who love the Shaykh, I would like to say: Translate your love to actions. To conclude, I invite Muslims generally to take revenge from the Americans, the

murderers of the Shaykh (may Allah have mercy on him), specifically from those who participated in this heinous crime.

Allah guided the hero, the mujahid and soldier of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, the martyr as we reckon him, Ghulam Hazrat Ayub al Wardaki to take revenge from several of them after the battle of Abbottabad. I ask Allah to accept him in the ranks of the martyrs and to honor him with the best of rewards.

In the end, I would like to offer a few words of encouragement with these verses:

Tell America that our swords

In the battleground only increase in their sharpness

They will remain unsheathed to decapitate you

In the hope of reward from the Glorious Lord

Do you think that the soul of the Imam is cheap?

And his youth are not able to avenge?

No, by the Lord of the Throne, our Imam

Continues to rise in stature and defiance

The blood of the Companions of the Prophet (pbuh) is sufficient

To raise a generation that loves war

The light of its Jihad will shine forth from Kabul

And its rays will illuminate the hills of al-Aqsa

Allah is our Helper even if they gather

From every region an army against us

To hell may depart those touched by our swords

And for the gardens of paradise we bid farewell to our martyrs

Allah is All-Powerful over His affairs, but most people know not. And our last prayer is that all praise belongs to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds.